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Cut Policy Question Is On Ballot

Referendum Seeks Moratorium Opinions

By Don Pendley
News Editor

Student opinion on the Vietnam moratorium and the pedestrian mall are some of the questions on the referendum to be presented to the MSC student body starting tomorrow.

The referendum, to be held in the Memorial auditorium lobby beginning at 9 a.m., will also include questions about constitutional amendments, articles of incorporation amendments, and the cut policy.

The Vietnam moratorium question will ask for student beliefs on MSC's position on the December and future moratoriums. Students will be asked to approve one of seven policies, ranging from "regular college sessions to be held with no reaction or to recognition of the moratorium" to "all regular college activities canceled."

Five sections compose the pedestrian mall

question. Abolishment of the mall and opening of the mall at night are two of the questions to be voted upon.

The cut policy, as stated by the administration, leaves most of the determination of the cut policy up to the individual professor. The question asks students if they would prefer unlimited cuts, the present policy, one cut per semester hour, or an explanation by the professor of his cut policy at the beginning of the semester.

The articles of incorporation were originally adopted in 1934 and students will vote tomorrow on a revision. The main points in the revision are:

"The (Student Government) association shall be subject only to the authority of the president of Montclair State College in those matters which are within the responsibility of the president." Previously, the SGA was responsible to the state of New Jersey.

"The president of Montclair State College shall have the right and responsibility to interfere in any action by the student government which considered to be illegal under the laws of the municipal, state or local governments..." Under this policy, for example, if the SGA were to set up a drug policy

which were in conflict with the state, federal or local governments, the MSC president would be responsible to see that the will of the federal, state and local governments are carried out.

"The (SGA) corporation shall not have the right to interfere in those constitutionally-guaranteed rights to freedom of the press." This section deals with those rights granted by the U.S. Constitution to all concerned with all levels of the press.

"The corporation shall not engage... in carrying out propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation." If this section is approved, the SGA and its departments (such as the Council on International and National Affairs and the MONTCLARION) would not be permitted to make statements concerning policy initiated by the college and federal, state and local governments.

The question dealing with the SGA Constitution changes involve a maximum number of representatives in the Legislature and the establishment of two new vice-presidential posts, the vice-president of academic affairs and the vice-president of external affairs.




Staff photo by Morey Antebi.

'HOPE FOR U.S.'

"The U.S. was only invited in Vietnam by our own puppets," stated Dr. Benjamin Spock as he slashed away at American policy and called U.S. leadership "immoral" and "illegal." Spock, prominent child psychologist, went on to say that inferior education, poverty and racial discrimination in America are rampant

throughout America. In his lecture entitled "Dissent and Social Change," last Tuesday, Spock called for "increasing militancy in our dissent" and added that "the only hope for America is that the young people have the courage and ideals to change." — Mike Traylor.



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We're Glad, But . . .

The Student Government Association wants to hear student opinion. Consequently, tomorrow's referendum will include questions on the nationwide moratorium against the war in Vietnam, the campus cut policy, the pedestrian mall, the amendments to the SGA constitution and articles of incorporation.

We're glad that SGA is ready to evaluate campus opinion of the moratorium. But we regret that no action will be taken by the SGA to endorse these opinions. Unfortunately, SGA as a group cannot legally endorse any student recommendations which deal with this politically-oriented event. The most that SGA can do is present the results as the opinions of those students who participated in the referendum.

Four choices of a recommended campus cut policy are also on the ballot. We support the recommendation for unlimited cuts, and we think that the majority of students will agree with us. The next step is for this recommendation to appear before the faculty, administrative and coordinating councils and become accepted policy.

Since Vincent Calabrese, vice-president of business and finance, has stated that student opinion could determine the future of the pedestrian mall, five questions will appear on the ballot concerning the future status of the mall. Calabrese has already stated that the maintenance department has found easy access to upper campus facilities due to the roadblock. However, since no permanent guard is stationed at the chain, outside deliveries are not accommodated as easily.

The creation of the two new vice-presidential positions within the SGA will delegate some sorely needed responsibilities which go beyond the realm of Montclair State College. We especially approve of the creation of the post of vice-president of external affairs who will coordinate all local, state, national and international affairs which involve SGA.

Regarding the revisionment of the articles of incorporation, we feel that SGA is taking too much power upon itself. We fear that hasty and incompetent decisions can result from this power and infringements upon the constitutional rights of the other SGA chartered organizations may take place.

The future impact of these articles of incorporation cannot be indicated at this time. We are particularly fearful that although the articles guarantee freedom of the press as indicated by the U.S. Constitution, the SGA can implement other methods of infringement upon the editorial boards of all campus publications.

We regret that the issue most relevant to the student body as a whole — the moratorium — is the issue which SGA cannot endorse. Further, we are sure that the portion of the student body which turns out for the referendum is voting for the cut policy, moratorium and mall questions. We feel little interest will be shown in the constitution amendments and that the opinion questions will be those that carry the referendum.

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SGA's 'No Comment' Provokes Questions

Doucette Says Legislature Can Be Influential

By Patricia M. Romanish
Staff Reporter

After issuing a statement of "no comment" concerning the moratorium policy of Montclair State College, the Student Government Association's effectiveness as a policymaking organization was questioned.

However, according to Greg Doucette, vice-president of SGA: "The association is not a policy-making organization. The moratorium policy had to be decided by the Board of Trustees."

Doucette explained that the actual agreement reached at the SGA meeting was that individual choice should govern the decision of students in participating or not participating in the protest. "They (SGA) should have made a statement to that effect," he said.

"Although the student association cannot make actual policy, it can influence the decisions of the Board of Trustees," he continued. "We have a Board of Trustees that is responsive to what we say." Explained Doucette, "SGA has not only the opportunity but also the obligation to influence policy whenever it is appropriate."



Greg Doucette
Democracy Best.

NEWS ANALYSIS

REFLECT OPINION

Concerning the failure of the SGA to take a positive stand on the moratorium, Doucette stated: "I think the Legislature fell down. The 38 representatives should know and reflect what student opinion is concerning such important issues as the moratorium. Some do and some don't."

The disappointments which arose from the moratorium decisions provided what Doucette termed a "new beginning" for SGA. The meeting which followed the moratorium, he said, "was a time for soul-searching and much free discussion which brought to light the fact that we must get

VP Sees 'Growing Pains' As Chief Problem

back into gear." He continued, "there is a good deal of power that we could have."

Concerning the setup of SGA Doucette stated: "In an ideal democracy the 38 representatives in the legislature would be 38 barometers measuring opinion. However, I would rather see them as leaders and not barometers." He added: "I am not altogether convinced that representative democracy works, but it is the best we have right now. I think that the ideal legislators would be leaders of a constituency that has a mind of its own."

PART TIME OPERATION

Attached to the nameplate on Doucette's desk was a button reading, "I could do better if..." That "if," he added, represents many problems. In spite of the fact that "we are provided with a fulltime secretary to take messages and type, we are hampered because we are a parttime operation," he said.

To explain the breakdown which occurred during the moratorium Doucette stated: "We are going through growing pains. The college is changing around us and we must change within the college."

He added: "An effort will be made to learn student opinion in important areas through a referendum. We want to keep SGA relevant."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faith, Freedom and Amateurism

'Faith in Democracy' Seen on Nov. 15

To the Editor:

Some Americans profess to see the Nov. 15 gathering in Washington as a subversive act. Instead, it should be viewed as a profound demonstration of faith in the democratic process. Several hundred thousand students gave millions of man hours, spent millions of dollars and traveled millions of miles to exercise their constitutional right "peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." In this way, students publicized their belief that elected leaders are responsive to the voice of the people.

If officeholders, particularly members of Congress, subject to reelection next year, are wise, they will listen to what college students have to say, instead of regarding the demonstrators as errant children. These young people are brave enough to proclaim what many of their elders are too timid to say: our Vietnam policy is long since bankrupt!

Hostile members of the public focus attention on the violent deeds of small numbers of concerned youths, pointedly ignoring the peaceful acts of the vast majority. But decisionmakers themselves become responsible for violence when they continue to pursue a policy that is blind to change.

It is safe to say that for the hundred-odd Montclair students who participated in the Washington rally life will never be

quite the same. Memorable hours shared with 300,000 peaceful activists left an indelible imprint. Thus for young and old alike, Nov. 15 was a day dedicated to the belief that the highest act of patriotism is to speak out against misdeeds that endanger the future of our republic.

E.B. Fincher
political science dept.

Facing the Moratorium 'Truths'

To the Editor:

The following is the speech I made at the special meeting of the faculty, dealing with the Nov. 5 moratorium.

"When, in the course of academic affairs, it becomes necessary for a faculty to meet in special session to consider the role it should play in the seething tensions of its time, it would seem prudent, necessary and, hopefully, clarifying to reiterate several time-honored truths:

1. The search for truth and its free and unfettered dissemination is our primary reason for existence.
2. The search for truth requires the ventilation of minority positions, and the protection of these from the crushing 'tyranny of the majority.' Thus, in a college, 'right' and 'wrong' give way to the search for a dynamic, global and flexible total understanding.
3. In this spirit, the American campus cannot hide from the glare and the din of the overwhelming and distracting crisis imposed upon our nation

and its people by the continuation of the Vietnam intervention, with all of its attendant dislocations, fractures and abrasions in our national life.

4. If the American campus fails to keep open the channels of controversy then the forces opposed to controversy will surely close the channels.

5. Thus, I respectfully submit, Mr. President (Richardson), that the choice is not whether our college participates in this national controversy, but rather how to implement such participation."

Daniel Brower,
psychology dept.

No 'Amateurs' In Production

To The Editor:

If the production of a play is going to be evaluated by the talent of its performers, I believe that a critic need not mention that "one may draw conclusions of relevance based purely on color," (Marat: Production of Our Discontent, by Maurice J. Moran Jr.). The nouveau actors were just superb.

Throughout the entire performance there wasn't a moment in which the thought I was watching mere amateurs. Their performance conveyed all the sensations that a drama should. Congratulations to every character of the play.

Carla Campomemosi, '73.

Cut Policy: The Controversial Issue

Prof Opinions Range from 'No Cuts' to 'No Policy'

By Roberta Kuehl
News Editor

Since students will be voting on a cut policy in this week's SGA referendum, the MONTCLARION has made a survey of actual faculty cut policies.

Mr. Michael F. X. Grieco of the English department believes there should be no cuts. "If there are cuts for students, there should also be cuts for teachers. If I miss a class, then all the students deserve one cut. If there is an exorbitant amount of cuts, say, 10-15, that of necessity would affect the student's mark because he would miss tests and papers and other requirements of the course. However, if there is an outstanding student, I reserve the right to change my stand."

Mr. Anthony Lovasco, also of the English department, stated: "In large classes it's somewhat impossible to keep attendance precisely. I'd take many absences into consideration and talk to the person. If reading the text is the main point of the course, attendance isn't that important."

Mr. Robert Streetman, instructor of philosophy and religion, explained his practice. "I determine my attitude towards class attendance in terms of the specific course and its requirements and can vary drastically from one class to another. For example, in my introductory classes the students have difficulty with the reading; therefore I'm strongly in favor of

attendance. Frequent absences should always be reconciled with the objectives of the course and the requirements."

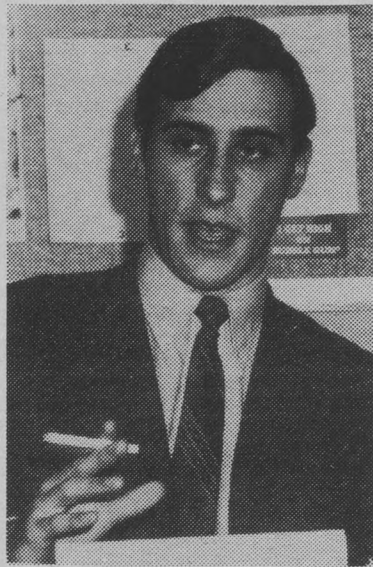
A more liberal policy was presented by Mr. William Nye of the sociology department. "I believe in unlimited cuts. Classes are too large to begin with. You can't force people to learn things."

Dr. M. Herbert Freeman, chairman of the business studies department, said, "I don't have a cut policy. If a student's absent three times in a row, I talk to him. If he's been absent because of personal difficulties, I take that into consideration."

Mrs. Robert F. McCauley, also of the business studies department, stated, "in such subjects as steno, typing and office practice, the time in class is very valuable. I insist on the students' presence. They have to be in class to develop their skills."

A member of the math department, Mr. Thomas Carroll mentioned his position on cuts. "I permit the student to come and go as he pleases. However, when it comes to the final analysis of grades, and a student has missed more than one third of the classes, I make no attempt to raise his grade or be of help. If someone were absent for two weeks in a row, I would assume there's a reason. If a student has trouble, I'll help him."

Miss Pauline Foster of the physical education department



Ken Traynor
We're Responsible.

noted her policy. "I have no policy. If someone takes two cuts, I wouldn't count it against the person. I'm lenient with cuts. If someone's absent for a long time, I find out the reason and deal with the person individually. I give students freedom and try to be fair."

Dr. Richard Barker, who teaches European history, has an "unlimited" cut policy. "I do make out an elaborate seating chart, but it's mainly to learn names, not to take attendance. If you can make the class worthwhile enough, then you have no problem with attendance. I have no problem with people coming to class."

A member of the history department, Dr. Robert Beckwith, commented: "I don't take attendance and I hope I notice if people aren't there excessively."

Students Favor Campus Unlimited Cut Policy

By Michael Traylor
Staff Reporter

To cut or not to cut, that is the question.

And it is a question that concerns students at MSC. This is also one of the five questions on the ballot of SGA's referendum schedule for Dec. 9.

Listed as the educational reform question, it is concerned with the present cut policy and the proposed cut policy. That is, the proposed cut policy of the SGA cut system committee — a subcommittee of the SGA educational reform committee.

Lorraine Leitgeb, chairman of the cut system committee said in Life Hall last Wednesday: "The function of the committee is to get support of the student body for cut system reform."

Which one of the four alternatives the students support, Miss Leitgeb went on, will become our goal and we will try to make this goal a reality. Miss Leitgeb further stated that "any plan of the cut system committee would have to be approved by the faculty council."

SGA President Ken Traynor was the founder of the cut system committee and says of the present cut policy: "It is unclear and

could be more explicit." Traynor personally feels that unlimited cuts is the only alternative. "Students at Montclair State are responsible students and really want their education. They should determine how much classroom knowledge and activity they should have to build their education," Traynor said.

The present college policy concerning cuts is: "All students are expected to attend scheduled classes regularly. The treatment and handling of any absences that occur for personal reasons including illness of less than two days, are within the jurisdiction of the individual faculty members."

Traynor would like to have a large turn-out for the referendum and sees student support as a stepping stone to reform.

The four alternatives on the ballot will be:

1. Unlimited cuts.
2. Present policy as stated in present policy.
3. One cut per semester hour credit.
4. Class attendance requirements.

The referendum will run for about a week and student government legislators will be speakers answering questions on the five points of the ballot.

Psych Poll's Validity Cause for Doubt

SGA Will Use Own Questions Tomorrow

By Helene Zuckerbrod
Asst. News Editor

The validity of the psychology department's random survey of student opinion concerning past and future moratoriums has been questioned by the Student Government Association. As a result, a question on that subject will be included in the SGA referendum tomorrow.

The survey, resulting from a faculty meeting, was composed by a committee of undergraduates, graduates, and professors from the psychology department, according to Terry B. Lee, SGA psychology department representative. Thirty randomly selected classes — approximately 700 students — participated in the random survey.

"You can do a valid survey

with 50 students if you pick them randomly," Lee said. "But I think certain faculty members felt the student body would not accept a survey using that many people."

Stating that the survey did not have SGA authorization, Kenneth Traynor, SGA president, said that body would look at the results "objectively." However, though he thought it was "great," a "true vote was more valid in theory than random sampling." He also commented that although it's a "professional survey" the referendum would be voted upon by interested students who he feels are the best representatives of the student body.

According to Dr. Daniel Brower, chairman of the psychology department, "we

know how to set up a sample that will be truly representative of the student body." He stressed the point that in the psychology department survey, all opinions including noncommittals would be taken into consideration. In light of this, he said that students do not know how to conduct a survey correctly. He added that those in favor of the SGA ballot "won't take personal hostilities into account." Because only certain people will vote, the opinions of those who do not will not be present to create a balanced picture of student opinion.

Traynor stated that the SGA would make a statement concerning moratoriums and not the Dec. 12, 13 and 14 moratorium this week.

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Wed., Dec. 10	MOC Concert	Memorial auditorium	8:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 12	Dalphac Greek Sing	Memorial auditorium	8 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 13	BOSS Dance (Soul in Motion — the "Matchmakers")	cafeteria	8 p.m.
	Cathedral Choir	Memorial auditorium	8 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 15	Omega Phi Delta movie — Sand Pebbles	Memorial auditorium	7 p.m.
	urban activities seminar	H-7, 10, 11	7 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 16	urban activities seminar	H-7, 10, 11	7 p.m.

Questionnaire Invalid Due to Distribution

Eleven Montclair State students have been responsible for formulating and distributing a questionnaire concerning student opinion of the pedestrian mall.

The students, who form the SGA pedestrian mall committee, together with Mr. Vincent Calabrese, vice-president of business and finance, and Mr. Jon McKnight, director of student activities, have collected about 300 responses.

Chairman of the committee, Tim Fanning, junior English major and SGA representative, stated that although the responses will be tabulated, the questionnaires are not statistically valid due to the methods of distribution.

Fanning noted that questionnaires were distributed in Life Hall lobby and cafeteria during Nov. 13 and 14, the two days of the November moratorium.

However, since Calabrese has stated that student opinion can affect the mall, its future status may be determined during tomorrow's election. Both the election results and the questionnaire results will be combined after this week's referendum.

Fanning mentioned the problems which have been noted concerning the mall, including the "unmaneuverable" rear hill. However, the campus security force will now have the responsibility of surveying this hill during bad weather and, if necessary, reroute traffic away from this road hazard.

Concerning student participation on the committee, Fanning said that "students interested in the mall or any other problem on campus, should contact the SGA rather than forming their own committees."

Guerilla Theater on Moratorium Schedule

By Barbara Jean Minor
Staff Reporter

A pseudo-guerilla theater? "It might shock a lot of people into realizing what's going on over there." This is how Frank Lees, sophomore social science major and member of the MSC Student Peace Union, summarized the idea of a "pseudo-guerilla theater," a mock presentation of the war in Vietnam.

The pseudo-guerilla theater is one of several activities planned by the SPU for this month's anti-Vietnam war moratorium, which will be observed on Fri., and Sat., Dec. 12 and 13.

Other activities include an indoor vigil for peace, an open forum on the war, workshops pertaining to the war and distribution of antiwar literature. Lees added that on Christmas eve, the SPU will probably participate in some type of moratorium observance that will involve the Town of Montclair, but this activity is still tentative.

During the hour-long meeting in which approximately 35 members of the SPU voted to stage the pseudo-guerilla theater, the date was set for the performance as Fri., Dec. 12.

SPU members and other

students will portray American soldiers, Vietcong guerillas and Vietnamese villagers in the pseudo-guerilla theater skits.

Life Hall lounge was decided as the best place for the indoor vigil for peace, during which antiwar songs will be sung and readings of the war dead will take place, according to Lees. Later in the day, a public address system will be set up for students, faculty and staff to express their opinions by participating on an open discussion on the war.

Workshops pertaining to the war and its effects will be conducted on Sat., Dec. 13. A literature table will also be set up during the December moratorium to distribute leaflets and anti-war buttons and literature.

Dr. Ronald Haas, SPU advisor and associate professor of education, suggested that Muhammed Ali (Cassius Clay) be invited to speak at a future moratorium observance. SPU members voted to have the former heavyweight champion lecture here in April.

A meeting concerning the grape-boycott will be held in the faculty lounge, Life Hall on Mon., Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

Two Student Conductors Lead Musical America

Musical America VIII, sponsored by the national men's music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Sigma Alpha Iota, the national music fraternity for women, will be held tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in Memorial auditorium.

James Mussachio, junior music major, will conduct the choir composed of 75 students of Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota. Selections to be performed include "Now is The Caroling Season" by Dorothy Priesing, assistant professor of music at MSC; "The Gates of Heaven" and "The Testament of Freedom" by Randall Thompson.

The 50-member band, directed by junior music major Robert Santin, will perform "Sinfonians" by Clifton Williams; "Variants on a Medieval Tune" by Norman DelloJoio; "Fantasia for Band" by Vittorio Giannini; and three other pieces.

Jack Oliva, vice-president of Phi MuAlpha and chairman of Musical America VIII, noted that American music is the theme used each year. Student conductors, chosen during the summer, are free to choose their own music.

Tickets are available in the Music building or at the door: \$1 for loge; \$1.50 for orchestra. Credit will be given to all Music 100 students who attend.



Staff photo by Morey Antebi.
"I THINK IT'S FUN... until it's time to get down to business." This is how Lt. J. G. David Dimwiddie of the Lakehurst Navy Station sees the Student Peace Union during the Navy recruiting session last Tuesday. From left: Petty Officer first class, Joe Wise, Lt. J. G. Joe Schrock, Dimwiddie, David Beckwith and Petty O'Keefe. Dimwiddie said over 30 students were interviewed.

'Back to 1940' Outdated Constitutions Provoke Bill

By Don Pendley
News Editor

A bill which would correct some irregularities in organization constitutions has been passed by the Student Government Association Legislature.

At their meeting last Tuesday, the SGA Legislature voted to approve the bill, which will create a "constitution review committee." The purpose of the bill is to "tri-annually review all student organization constitutions."

Robert Stickel, SGA English department representative, stated that many constitutions are

"slightly out of order," and that the committee would check for irregularities and obsolescence in the constitutions. Some of the constitutions date back to the 1950s, stated Stickel, and even to the 1940s.

The bill was drawn up, said Stickel, because of two organizations having troubles from within which related closely to constitutional discrepancies. This prompted Stickel and the other coauthors (James Wynne, physics-earth science department representative; Sharon Wanchow, class of 1971 representative; and Lorraine Leitgeb, class of 1972

representative) to formulate the bill.

According to the bill, all class I organizations (such as Players, Montclair Athletic Commission, campus publications and others) will be reviewed the first year; all class II organizations (special interest groups) will be reviewed the second year; and all class III organizations (fraternities and sororities) will be reviewed during the third year.

However, at any time an organization may request a review by the committee. This would have first precedence over all other organizations then under review.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REFERENDUM

- I. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:
Do you accept the proposed Student Government Association Constitutional amendments? YES NO
- II. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AMENDMENTS:
Do you accept the revised Student Government Association Articles of Incorporation? YES NO
- III. PEDESTRIAN MALL QUESTION:
The entire Life Mall is closed to incoming campus cars all hours of the day with no parking privileges.
YES NO 1. Should the Life Hall Mall be open to cars due to inclement weather to help facilitate access to parking areas?
YES NO 2. Do you think the Mall should be open at night?
YES NO 3. Are you in favor of the pedestrian Mall as it presently exists?
YES NO 4. Abolish the Mall entirely?
5. Any additional suggestions or comments:
- IV. VIETNAM MORATORIUM QUESTION:
(circle one)
1. Regular college sessions to be held with no reaction or recognition of the Moratorium.
2. Regular college sessions to be held with recommendations to faculty to postpone examinations so as not to penalize those involved.
3. Regular sessions be held with a

recommendation to faculty to postpone exams, and devote class time to a discussion of modern social issues.

4. Class attendance for faculty and student be voluntary with no penalization for those who feel obligated to stay away.

5. Class attendance for faculty and student be voluntary with no penalization for those who stay away, but that faculty be asked to discuss with their Department Chairmen and see that adequate coverage be given to their classes.

6. Regular classes be cancelled with time devoted to meetings of Faculty-Student groups to discuss Moratoriums and college policy in the future.

7. All regular college activities cancelled.

V. EDUCATIONAL REFORM QUESTION:

At present, the college policy concerning class attendance reads as follows:

"All students are expected to attend scheduled classes regularly. The treatment and handling of any absences that occur for personal reasons including illness of less than two days, are within the jurisdiction of the individual faculty members."

The above policy was not formulated by students. As a student, I would prefer, (circle one)

1. Unlimited cuts
2. Present policy as stated above
3. one out per semester hour credit
4. Class attendance requirements to be determined by the instructor, and be stated explicitly at the beginning of the semester.